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UNIVERSITY OF WEST INDIES SENIOR LECTURER IN GOVERNMENT
AND CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST IN TODAY'S DAILY GLEANER
CARL STONE COMMENTS ON AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG'S VISIT,
TITLED "OF MYTHS AND REALITIES:
EXCERPTS FOLLOW:

QUOTE: FOR SOME TIME AND CERTAINLY LONG BEFORE CARTER'S
ELEVATION TO THE U.S. PRESIDENCY, THE INTELLECTUAL THINK
TANKS OF WASHINGTON HAVE BEEN PLANNING AN OVERHAUL AND
FACELIFT OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. THE INTENTION WAS TO
MAKE IT MORE ACCEPTABLE TO THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES IN
PARTICULAR BY BEING MORE TOLERANT OF RADICAL AND
NATIONALIST GOVERNMENTS AND CAUSES, WHILE ENDURING
PERSUASIVENESS BY SHOWING MORE CONCERN FOR THE ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS OF POORER NATIONS. THE CLOAK AND DAGGER C.I.A.
BRAND OF DIPLOMACY AND THE OVERT ATTEMPTS AT PRESSURE,
INTIMIDATION AND POLITICAL INTERVENTION WERE TO BE
DEEMPHASISED AND WERE TO GIVE WAY TO MORE SKILLFUL
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APPROACHES THAT USED ECONOMIC TIES OF DEPENDENCY AND
AID GENERALLY COUPLED WITH A NEW LIBERAL U.S. IMAGE TO
MAKE CLIENT STATES OUT OF THE THIRD WORLD NATIONS WHICH
HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY COOL OR OPENLY HOSTILE TO THE
U.S.

THE REAL ISSUE IS WHETHER THE FOREIGN POLICIES OF THE

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U.S. HAVE FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGED OR WHETHER WHAT HAS
HAPPENED IS A MERE COSMETIC FACELIFT DISGUISING A NEW
THRUST TO WIELD AN ECONOMIC BIG STICK IN THE CAUSE OF
MAINTAINING U.S. HEGEMONY AND PRE-EMINENT INFLUENCE AMONG
THE NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.

THE POOR SCRAMBLE

CONTRARY TO THE ILL-INFORMED AND MISLEADING FORECASTS
OF THE MARXIST PROPHETS OF THE DOOM OF CAPITALISM
(CAUGHT IN THE GRIPS OF WORLD-WIDE STAGFLATION), THE
WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS HAS INCREASED THE POLITICAL POWER
OF THE WEALTHIER CAPITALIST COUNTRIES AS POVERTY
STRICKEN. THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES SCRAMBLE FOR AID,
FOOD, LOANS, AND A CHANCE TO BREAK INTO THE WEALTHY CONSUMER
MARKETS OF THE RICH NATIONS.

IN THE CASE OF THE U.S., HOWEVER, THE ACTUAL AID TO BE
DISBURSED IN WHAT IS REALLY A NEW BRAND OF DOLLAR
DIPLOMACY IS NOT LIKELY TO AMOUNT TO A GREAT DEAL.
THE CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FACED WITH THEIR
OWN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS ARE NOT ABOUT TO SUPPORT ANY
PROGRAMMES OF LAVISH FOREIGN AID. THE DRASTIC CUTS IN CARTER'S
FOREIGN AID PROPOSALS ARE CLEAR INDICATIONS OF THIS.
TO HUNGRY NATIONS FACED WITH MULTIPLE ECONOMIC AND
CONSEQUENT SOCIAL PROBLEMS EVEN THESE MODEST DOSES OF
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AID ARE LIKELY TO BE SEEN AS IMPORTANT TO THEIR SURVIVAL.
JAMAICA IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A CLIENT STATE OF THE
U.S. IN SPITE OF ALL THE POPULIST RHETORIC TO THE CONTRARY.
THAT TO MY MIND IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ANDY YOUNG'S
VISIT AND HIS SKILLFULLY DESIGNED MYTH THAT THE THIRD
WORLD COUNTRIES AND INTERESTS NOW DOMINATE THE CENTRES
OF WORLD INFLUENCE...
LIKE THE PARTY BUREAUCRATS IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WHO
SEIZE POWER IN THE NAME OF THE WORKING CLASS AND FREEDOM
WHILE SUBJECTING THAT CLASS TO REGIMES OF NON-FREEDOM,
THE U.S. IS NOW TRUMPETING THE ARRIVAL OF THIRD WORLD
INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND DOMINANCE WHILE IT
PREPARES TO ESTABLISH A WIDER NETWORK OF CLIENT STATES
PROGRAMMED TO DO ITS BIDDING.

TO BE SURE, ALL THIS IS SEEN AS QUITE ACADEMIC AND
BESIDE THE POINT BY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES LIKE JAMAICA
WHO ARE CAUGHT IN THE GRIPS OF A SURVIVAL STRUGGLE, AND
MUST THEREFORE DANCE TO THE TUNE OF WHOEVER IS WILLING TO
GIVE HELP SUFFICIENT TO AVOID TOTAL ECONOMIC COLLAPSE.
WHAT I AM CURIOUS TO KNOW IS WHAT IS THE POLITICAL
PRICE OF U.S. AID. IF ONE FOLLOWS THE INTENTIONS OF THE

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NEW LINES OF THOUGHT AND STRATEGY THAT INFORM CURRENT
U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IT IS MOST UNLIKELY THAT THE REAL
POLITICAL PRICE, IS GOING TO BE REVEALED BEFORE THE
TIES OF DEPENDENCY AND CLIENTELISM OFFER NO CHOICE BUT
TO DANCE TO ANY TUNE THAT IS PLAYED, ALTHOUGH THE WHOLE
ACT IS GOING TO BE VEILED BY SKILLFUL DIPLOMACY THAT
GIVES THE IMPRESSION THAT THE CLIENT STATE IS REALLY
PLAYING ITS OWN TUNE.

ASSUMING THAT THIS DIAGNOSIS IS CORRECT, THE MILLION DOLLAR
QUESTION IS HOW FAR CAN SOCIALISM EVOLVE FROM SUCH
TIES OF DEPENDENCY, HOWEVER SKILLFULLY DISGUISED? PERHAPS
THE MYTH OF A FULL AND FAST ONWARD MARCH TO SOCIALISM
AND ANTI-IMPERIALISM UNDER THE TUTELAGE OF PRESIDENT
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CARTER WILL HAVE TO BE INVENTED IN THE SAME WAY THAT
ANDY YOUNG SPELLED OUT HIS MYTH OF THE HEGEMONY OF
THIRD WORLD LEADERS AND INTERESTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL
SYSTEM... UNQUOTE
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